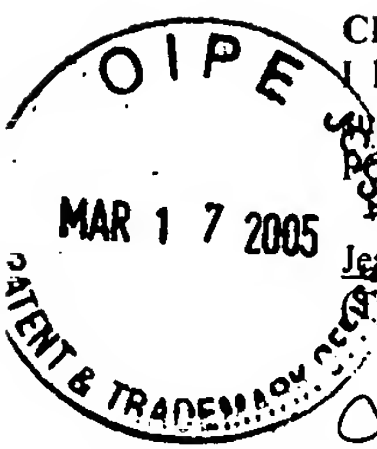


DFW

Docket No. OR03-10201



**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 14, 2005

Jeannie Camara

(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)

Jeannie Camara

(Signature of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)

**Attorney Docket No.: OR03-10201**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

**Inventor:** Vipin Samar  
**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING PRIVATE INFORMATION WITHIN A DATABASE  
**Filing Date:** August 22, 2003  
**Serial Number:** 10/645,953  
**Group Art Unit:** 2171  
**Examiner:** To Be Assigned

Listed below or on an attached Form PTO-1449 is information known to applicant(s) and submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of each listed publication and U.S. and foreign patent, except for pending U.S. applications, is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If form PTO-1449 is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

X This statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (b) because (check all that apply):

- (1) It is being filed within 3 months of the application filing date  
-- OR --  
— (2) It is being filed within 3 months of entry of a national stage  
-- OR --  
X (3) It is being filed before the mail date of the first Office Action on the merits.

— 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). If this statement is being filed after the latest of: (1) three months beyond the filing date of a national application; (2) three months beyond the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application; or (3) the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, but before the mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113 or a notice of allowance under §1.311, then:

— a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; **or**

— a fee of \$240.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement. Please note that a check in the amount of \$240.00 is enclosed in payment.

— 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d). If this statement is being filed after the mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113 or a notice of allowance under §1.311, but before payment of the issue fee, then:

A. a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is completed below; **and**

B. a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) requesting consideration of this statement is submitted herewith; **and**


C. a fee of \$130.00 as set forth in §1.17(i)(1) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

— Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) - I hereby certify that either: each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in section 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Richard Park (Reg. No. 41,241)

Date

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
A. Richard Park  
Reg. No. 41,241

PARK, VAUGHAN & FLEMING LLP  
2820 Fifth Street  
Davis, CA 95616  
(530) 759-1661  
Date: March 14, 2005



Docket No. OR03-10201

SHEET 1 OF 1

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION</b>  PTO-1449				ATTY. DOCKET NO. OR03-10201		APPLICATION NO. 10/645,953	
				APPLICANT Vipin Samar			
				FILING DATE August 22, 2003		GROUP ART UNIT 2171	
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE	
	2002169793	Nov. 14, 2002	Sweeney	707	204	4/10/02	
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
	WO 01/18631	Mar. 15, 2001	PCT	G06F1	1/00	Yes	No
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>							
	Arnason E: "Personal Indentifiability in the Icelandic Health Sector Database" Technology 'Online! 3 September 2002 (2002-09-03), XP002313129 University Warwick, Strathclyde University, UK ISSN: 1361-4169. Retrieved from the Internet: <a href="http://elj.warwick.ac.uk/jilt/02-2/rdfs/arnason.rtf">URL:elj.warwick.ac.uk/jilt/02-2/rdfs/arnason.rtf</a> 'retrieved on 2005-01-10! section "4. Building a Key with Look-up Table" section "4.1 Coding a Transformation of Names" table 3.						
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.